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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

In re:	<pre>\$ Chapter 11 \$</pre>
SCANROCK OIL & GAS, INC., et al.,	§ Case No. 25-90001-mxm11
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	<pre> §     Jointly Administered §</pre>
In re:	\$ Chapter 11
O'RYAN OREGON RANCHES, LLC,	§ Case No. 25-90008-mxm11
Debtor.	§ Joint Administration Requested
In re:	§ Chapter 11
O'RYAN RANCHES, LLC	§ Case No. 25-90009-mxm11
Debtor.	§ Joint Administration Requested

# **DEBTORS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR JOINT ADMINISTRATION**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Scanrock Oil & Gas, Inc. (0380); EON Production, LLC (0136); O'Ryan Family Limited Partnership (1913); O'Ryan Production & Exploration Ltd. (9950); O'Ryan Ponderosa, LLC (1476); Ryan C. Hoerauf, Inc. (0493); and Smackover Oil Treaters, Ltd. (9529); and O'Ryan Ranches, Ltd. (7184). The location of the Debtors' service address is 8180 Lakeview Center, Ste. 300, Odessa, TX 79765. More information about the Debtors, and copies of pleadings in the above-captioned bankruptcy case, may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed noticing agent, Stretto, Inc., at: https://cases.stretto.com/scanrock.

EMERGENCY RELIEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED. RELIEF IS REQUESTED NOT LATER THAN 10:30 A.M. (CT) ON APRIL 29, 2025.

IF YOU OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED OR YOU BELIEVE THAT EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION IS NOT WARRANTED, YOU MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING IF ONE IS SET, OR FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE PRIOR TO THE DATE THAT RELIEF IS REQUESTED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY TREAT THE PLEADING AS UNOPPOSED AND GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THIS MATTER ON APRIL 29, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M. (CT) IN ROOM 128, U.S. COURTHOUSE, 501 W. TENTH STREET, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102. YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING EITHER IN PERSON OR BY AN AUDIO AND VIDEO CONNECTION.

AUDIO COMMUNICATION WILL BE BY USE OF THE COURT'S DIAL-IN FACILITY. YOU MAY ACCESS THE FACILITY AT 1.650.479.3207. VIDEO COMMUNICATION WILL BE BY THE USE OF CISCO WEBEX PLATFORM. CONNECT VIA THE CISCO WEBEX APPLICATION OR CLICK THE LINK ON JUDGE MULLIN'S HOME PAGE. THE MEETING CODE IS 2310-650-8783. CLICK THE SETTINGS ICON IN THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER AND ENTER YOUR NAME UNDER THE PERSONAL INFORMATION SETTING.

# TO THE HONORABLE MARK X. MULLIN, U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

COME NOW Scanrock Oil & Gas, Inc.; O'Ryan Family Limited Partnership; O'Ryan Production & Exploration, Ltd.; Ryan C. Hoerauf, Inc.; Smackover Oil Treaters Ltd.; O'Ryan Ponderosa, LLC; EON Production, LLC (the "Oil and Gas Debtors"); O'Ryan Ranches, Ltd.; and O'Ryan Ranches, LLC and O'Ryan Oregon Ranches, LLC (the "Oregon Debtors" and, collectively, the "Debtors"), the debtors-in-possession in the above styled and numbered bankruptcy cases (the "Bankruptcy Cases"), file this their *Emergency Motion for Joint Administration* (the "Motion") and respectfully state as follows:

### I. RELIEF REQUESTED

1. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto (the "<u>Proposed Order</u>") (a) directing procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases, and (b) granting related relief. Specifically, the Debtors request that the Court maintain one file and one docket for all of the jointly administrated cases

under the case of Scanrock Oil & Gas, Inc. and that the cases be administrated under a consolidated caption, as follows:

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Debtors.<sup>2</sup>

\$ Jointly Administered

- 2. The Debtors further request that the Court order that the foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. The Debtors propose to consolidate mailing lists in each of the Bankruptcy Cases into one master list and request the Court's approval of the same. The Debtors also request the Clerk of this Court make separate docket entries in each of the above-captioned Bankruptcy Cases, except the jointly administered case, substantially as follows:

An order has been entered in accordance with Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures directing joint administration for procedural purposes of the chapter 11 cases of each of the following: Scanrock Oil & Gas, Inc. (0380); EON Production, LLC (0136); O'Ryan Family Limited Partnership (1913); O'Ryan Production & Exploration Ltd. (9950); O'Ryan Ponderosa, LLC (1476); Ryan C. Hoerauf, Inc. (0493); and Smackover Oil Treaters, Ltd. (9529); O'Ryan Ranches, Ltd. (7184); O'Ryan Ranches, LLC (6467); and O'Ryan Oregon Ranches, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is 8180 Lakeview Center, Ste. 300, Odessa, TX 79765. All further pleadings and other papers shall be filed in and all further docket entries shall be made in Case No. 25-90001.

# II. <u>JURISDICTION & VENUE</u>

4. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the

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"Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This Motion constitutes a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), a matter that arises exclusively under the provisions of the United States Code, Title 11 §§ 101 *et seq.* (as amended, the "Bankruptcy Code"), and as to which the Court accordingly has the power consistent with the United States Constitution to enter a final order. The Debtors expressly consent to such a final disposition by this Court. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

5. The bases for the relief requested herein is section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, rules 1005, 1015, and 2002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), rule 1015-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "Local Rules"), and Section B.8(k) of the Procedures for Complex Cases in the Northern District of Texas (the "Complex Case Procedures").

### III. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

6. On February 3, 2025, Scanrock Oil & Gas, Inc. and O'Ryan Ranches, Ltd. filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division. On February 9, 2025, EON Production, LLC; O'Ryan Family Limited Partnership; O'Ryan Production & Exploration, Ltd.; O'Ryan Ponderosa, LLC; Ryan C. Hoerauf, Inc.; and Smackover Oil Treaters Ltd. filed for chapter 11 in this Court for all of the Debtors to be jointly administered. The Debtors continue to operate their business and to manage their estates as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No committee, trustee, or examiner has been appointed.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A detailed background regarding the Debtors' businesses and the circumstances leading to the Bankruptcy Cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Brad Walker in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and Requests for First-Day Relief* (the "<u>First Day Declaration</u>"), filed contemporaneously and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

7. On April 25, 2025, O'Ryan Ranches, LLC and O'Ryan Oregon Ranches, LLC filed voluntary petitions for chapter 11 in this Court for all of the Debtors to be jointly administered.

# IV. BASIS FOR RELIEF

- 8. In pertinent part, rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") provides that the Court may order joint administration of bankruptcy estates if "two or more petitions are pending in the same court by a . . . a debtor and an affiliate." FED. R. BANKR. P. 1015(b). The Bankruptcy Code defines the term "affiliate" as, among other things, a "corporation 20 percent or more of whose outstanding voting securities are directly or indirectly owned, controlled, or held with power to vote, by the debtor, or by an entity that directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds with power to vote, 20 percent or more of the outstanding voting securities of the debtor." 11 U.S.C. § 101(2)(B). Here, Scanrock Oil & Gas, Inc.; EON Production, LLC; O'Ryan Family Limited Partnership; O'Ryan Production & Exploration, Ltd.; O'Ryan Ponderosa, LLC; Ryan C. Hoerauf, Inc.; Smackover Oil Treaters Ltd.; O'Ryan Ranches, Ltd.; O'Ryan Ranches, Ltd.; O'Ryan Ranches, LLC; and O'Ryan Oregon Ranches, LLC are affiliates under the Bankruptcy Code. As set forth more fully in the First Day Declaration, the Debtors are under common management and share substantially identical owners.
- 9. Joint administration of these Bankruptcy Cases will provide significant administrative convenience without harming the substantive rights of any party in interest. Many of the motions, hearings, and orders in these Bankruptcy Cases will affect all of the Debtors. Joint administration of the Debtors' Bankruptcy Cases is also warranted because the Debtors share many of the same parties-in-interest, each of whom will participate in the Bankruptcy Cases. Accordingly, cause exists for the joint administration of the Bankruptcy Cases under Bankruptcy

Rule 1015(b). Joint administration of these Bankruptcy Cases will promote both procedural and administrative efficiency and reduce administrative expense to the Estates by:

- a. Obviating the need for the Debtors to file duplicative motions and applications and for the Court to enter duplicative orders in each of these Bankruptcy Cases;
- b. Minimizing the burdens on witnesses and all parties-in-interest by sparing them from participating in identical hearings in separate cases;
- c. Avoiding the burdensome necessity of duplicating notices;
- d. Simplifying supervision of the administrative aspects of these Bankruptcy Cases by the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of Texas; and
- e. Minimizing the fees and expenses associated with the proposed engagement of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. and Jobe Law PLLC as co-counsel for the Debtors by minimizing expense caused by duplication related to filing, copying, and service of pleadings.
- 10. Joint administration will not affect the rights of any creditor or party-in-interest because the Debtors request joint administration for procedural purposes only. Notwithstanding joint administration, each creditor will be entitled to file a proof of claim against a particulate Estate. Case-specific information required in section 342(c) of the Bankruptcy Code will be listed in the petitions for each Debtor, which are publicly available to parties in interest or will be provided by the Debtors upon request, and the proposed joint case caption; and this information will be included in key notices to parties in interest, such as the notices required under Bankruptcy Rules 2002(a)(1), 2002(a)(7), and 2002(b), as made applicable to the Bankruptcy Cases.
- 11. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(c), the Debtors request to consolidate mailing lists in each of the Bankruptcy Cases into one master list, and request the Court's approval of the same. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the policies behind the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 342(c) and Bankruptcy Rules 1005, 1015, and 2002(n) have been satisfied. Given

the integrated nature of the Debtors' operations, and overlap of assets and liabilities, joint administration of these chapter 11 cases will provide significant administrative convenience without harming the substantive rights of any party in interest.

### V. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order: (i) providing for the joint administration of the Bankruptcy Cases; (ii) consolidating the mailing lists in each of the Bankruptcy Cases for future noticing requirements; (iii) ordering that all documents (except proofs of claim) to be filed in each of the Bankruptcy Cases be filed in the jointly administered case styled *In re Scanrock Oil & Gas, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-90001 (Jointly Administered), regardless of whether such filing affects one or more of the Debtors; (iv) ordering that creditors continue to file proofs of claim against the Debtors in the Debtor's respective individual Bankruptcy Cases, notwithstanding joint administration, and that schedules and statements of financial affairs are to be filed in the individual Bankruptcy Cases; and (v) granting the Debtors such other and further relief to which they may show themselves to be justly entitled.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on April 26, 2025.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, on April 26, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, and was additionally served as reflected in the Certificate of Service to be separately filed by Stretto, Inc.

By: /s/ Garrick C. Smith

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